

## REBUKE TO LI HUNG CHANG.

THE EMPEROR'S OBJECT IN DIVESTING HIM OF THE YELLOW JACKET.

NOT TO DISGRACE THE VICEROY BEFORE THE WORLD, BUT TO REPROVE HIM FOR REMISSNESS—JAPANESE LEAVING SHANGHAI—ENGLAND TO HOLD JAPAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SINKING OF THE KOW-SHING—RE-PULSE OF A JAPAN-ESE ATTACK.

London, Aug. 11.—"The Standard's" correspondent in Berlin confirms the statement that Li Hung Chang has been divested of the Yellow Jacket in consequence of his remissness in prosecuting the war. The correspondent says that his information comes from a high diplomatic source, and is unquestionably authentic.

The Emperor's object in treating the Viceroy as he was not to disgrace him in the eyes of the world, but simply to reprove him for his dilatoriness. The rebuke merely signifies that the war is to be prosecuted in earnest, and that the Viceroy will be held primarily answerable for the issue.

The correspondent learned from the same diplomatic source that it is China's intention to continue the war until Japan's strength is exhausted, and she is compelled, perhaps, by the Powers, to sue for mercy and for pardon for the Kow-Shing affair, which greatly irritated the Nation.

"The Times'" correspondent at Shanghai says that 12,000 Japanese from Fusan and 8,000 from Gensan are marching on Seoul.

Fifty Japanese officers who have been studying in France have started for home.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Central News says that in the absence of the Chinese fleet, the Japanese attacked the Chinese at Wet-Hut-Wo on Thursday morning. They were repulsed at one entrance, and then they tried the other.

The correspondent of the Central News in Shanghai telegraphs that the final exodus of Japanese residents has begun. Some 600 Japanese, who have closed their business here indefinitely, will leave Shanghai to-morrow for home. The Japanese postoffice has been shut. Every precaution has been taken to prevent any hostile demonstration of the natives against the Japanese.

The telegraph line in Corea is controlled by the Japanese, in the south and the Chinese in the north, and both the Japanese and Chinese refuse to transmit news dispatches. It is calculated that China will have 60,000 soldiers in Corea before the close of September.

The Emperor and Chief Officer Tamaki, of the Kow-Shing, have arrived in Shanghai. The American and Norwegian consuls there are refusing clearance to ships carrying rice.

Sir Edward Cardwell, of the Foreign Office, answering Sir Ellis Ashmole-Bartlett in the House of Commons to-day, said that Great Britain would hold Japan responsible for the loss of British life and property resulting from the sinking of the Kow-Shing.

A dispatch from Paris says that the Mikado's cousin, Prince Komata, who has been studying maritime arts in Europe, has left Paris for Havre. He will return to Japan by way of the United States.

Berlin, Aug. 10.—The "Tageblatt" says that France has offered to co-operate with the Russian fleet at the seat of war between Japan and China.

## JAPAN'S STRENGTH IN COREA.

## HOLDING THE CHIEF SEAPORT AND THE CAPITAL.

## HER TROOPS WELL EQUIPPED WITH MODERN ARMS—A LARGE FLEET OF TORPEDO-BOATS OFF THE COAST—AN ISLAND SAID TO HAVE BEEN SEIZED BY RUSSIA—DE-MAKES OF THE MINISTER RE-LECTED BY THE COREAN GOVERNMENT.

## TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

San Francisco, Aug. 10.—The news from Corea brought by the steamer City of Peking, which arrived here early this morning, is scrappy. The English newspapers of Yokohama have no special correspondents in Corea, but depend upon the press. The result is absurd accounts glorifying the valor of the Japanese, with little detail of importance. The only clear account of the situation is furnished by "The Shanghai Mercury's" correspondent at Chemulpo, who gives a good idea of the condition of affairs up to July 7. He says that the Japanese troops were well drilled and finely equipped. They landed 10,000 men at Chemulpo, working at night by the aid of searchlights. About half went into camp at Chemulpo, where they threw up earthworks in scientific fashion, using bamboo and earth bags. Their guns are five-barrelled Nordenfeldts and six-barrelled Armstrongs or Krups, all of late patterns. Their rifles are of German type, with short English bayonets, and the remainder of their equipment is distinctly French. These troops have kept strictly to their camp, and have been more orderly than any European force would have been under similar circumstances.

The Japanese, besides their cruisers, thirty-first-class seagoing torpedo-boats, lying within twenty-five miles of Chemulpo. These vessels are more feared by the Chinese than the cruisers.

The Japanese and Coreans appear to be on good terms, and the Coreans in return furnished cattle for the soldiers.

Japan is spending money like water. Her outfit for the campaign extends to the minutest items, such as kindling-wood, drinking-water, and a telephone line clear to Japan. The Japanese have gained a great advantage by occupying all the heights around Seoul, so that it will be impossible for the Chinese to reach the capital without heavy losses.

The greatest excitement prevailed at Yokohama over the prospect of war with China, and confidence was expressed that Japan would win. Chinese were being openly insulted on the streets, and sometimes subjected to bodily harm. Several small outbreaks against Chinese occurred, but they were promptly checked, and the citizens of other countries were in no danger. On July 23 the last Japanese warship sailed from Yokohama for Chemulpo. The foreign men of war were all concentrated at Shanghai, in order to be ready to protect the interests of their respective countries. The United States had the Baltimore and Monocacy among the fleet. Meetings were being held in Yokohama every evening, at which the situation was discussed, and the utmost hatred shown to China. It is the opinion of those who can speak authoritatively that an armistice will be signed concerning the war can be received only by steamers.

On July 17 thirty-seven British marines crossed the line of defense adopted by the Japanese commander near Seoul. They were remonstrated with, and there was a slight collision. The marines forced their way through, however, in order to go on duty to protect the British Legation at Seoul. They were not afterward molested. The excitement in China is not so great as in Japan.

A telegram from Soul announced that the Russian flag had been seen on the island of Geobudo. It was surmised the Russia had seized it. The Queen of Corea, in concert with her relatives, the Ho family, appealed to the Russian Minister for Russian protection in case of emergency, and the Minister consented.

Japanese papers publish a telegram from Seoul, dated July 27, stating that the Japanese Minister urged the Corean Government to drive the Chinese soldiers from Yashan by force, if it really wished to demonstrate that it was an independent State. If Corea did not drive the Chinese from its borders, the Minister said, it had deceived Japan in declaring itself an independent State. The Minister also pressed the Corean Government to abrogate the existing relations between China and Corea.

A meeting of the Corean Cabinet was held in the presence of the King, and a resolution was passed applying for the aid of China. The Japanese Minister then proposed that the Corean Government should accept the advice of Japan, abandon the dispatch of an Ambassador to China annually, and drive the Chinese soldiers from Yashan. Subsequently, under date of July 22, the Japanese Minister in Seoul sent the following telegram to the Minister:

COLONEL M'ALPIN HAS FRIENDS.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: It has come to be one of the inexplicable, if not positively unconscionable, rules of human conduct, where worldly preferment is involved, that many men are to-day constantly seeking to achieve greatness upon the merits of the few who are wont to refuse the "proffered crown." As a prominent representative of this class, who again and again has declined a public position, no more popular name can be mentioned than that of Colonel Edward A. M'Alpin, who is always doing his friends a service, poor people gallantly and unselfishly to serve the political "right of way," and has for years most generously contributed of his time and means to advance true Republicanism in this State and Nation.

Last month his name was popularly urged at the General Convention for president of the National Democratic party, but he did not have it. He otherwise than the Corean Minister, who is to be preferred to the Corean Minister.

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